

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen  
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

**REGULAR MEETING**

April 11, 2002, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Petition Boston Edison Company d/b/a NStar Electric for a grant of location for 22 feet of conduit in Medford St. from MH #8656 in the southwesterly intersection of Somerville Ave. running southwesterly to pole #JO 228/17 in the westerly sidewalk.
2. Petition Boston Edison Company d/b/a NStar Electric for a grant of location for 55 feet of conduit in Washington St. from MH #15059 in the northerly side of the street at the Franklin St. intersection running easterly to pole #358/15 in the northerly sidewalk.
3. Petition Boston Edison Company d/b/a NStar Electric for a grant of location for 55 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave. from MH #20632 in the northerly side of the street running southeasterly and northerly to a point of pickup at the back of sidewalk at 709 Somerville Ave.
4. Petition Boston Edison Company d/b/a NStar Electric for a grant of location for 8 feet of conduit in Washington St. from MH #15152 in the northerly side of the street at the Boston city line running northerly to pole #358/1 in the northerly sidewalk.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS  
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

5. Citation **Submitted By Ald. Halloran and the Entire Board**  
Honoring Barbara Sullivan on her retirement.
6. Resolution That this Board of Aldermen hereby supports the adult education services provided by SCALE and supports its request for adequate funding.

7. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone and the Entire Board**  
That this Board of Aldermen's Committee on Finance discuss the Community Preservation Act.
8. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Roche**  
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Mayor's Office change the banners on lower Broadway to ones that better reflect the spring and summer seasons.
9. Resolution  
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Mayor's Office inform this Board ASAP if the summer job program will be a reality this summer so that teenagers can plan appropriately.
10. Resolution  
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Mayor's Office report back to the Ward One and Ward Four Aldermen on the status of updating the pedestrian signals at Broadway and McGrath Hwy.
11. Order  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works install a crosswalk at Walnut St. and Broadway, crossing Broadway to Foss Park.
12. Order  
That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the owner of Mellotone, 92 Broadway, to remove the graffiti from the front of the building, and attempt to remove graffiti from the buildings on Tufts St., the Donais Building, and Pearl St. at Cross St.
13. Order  
That the Project Manager of the school at Glen Park ensure that proper rodent controls are utilized during construction and that proper measures are taken to ensure safety and security of the work area after dusk.
14. Order  
That the Director of the Board of Health continually bait for rodents in the Gilman St./Aldrich St. area.
15. Order  
That the City Solicitor and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services jointly investigate whether Rent-A-Center, located at 105 Broadway, is operating properly for the zoning district it is in, and that the Director of Traffic and Parking strictly enforce any illegal parking of their delivery trucks.
16. Order  
That the Commissioner of Public Works hand sweep all of Allston St. and Gilman St. (between Aldrich St. and Walnut St.), due to the fact that the street cleaner has a difficult time maneuvering around the illegally parked cars.
17. Order  
That the Director of the Board of Health bait the sewers for rodents on Chester Ave. and on Cross St. near Chester Ave.

18. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking install RESIDENT ONLY parking signs on Minnesota Ave. next to 191 Broadway, and on Illinois Ave. next to 95 Broadway, ASAP.
19. Order That the Chief of Police institute directed patrols at Florence Playground due to suspected drug trafficking.
20. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking aggressively enforce resident parking on Gilman St. between Aldrich and Walnut Sts.
21. Order **Submitted By Ald. O'Donovan**  
That the Director of the Board of Health inspect the property located at 18 Boston Ave. for health and safety violations.
22. Order That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect the property located at 18 Boston Ave. for code violations.
23. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the HANDICAPPED PARKING signs in front of 31 Adams St. as they are no longer needed.
24. Order **Submitted By Ald. McCallum and White**  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalks around 69 Shore Dr. as they have sunk well below the curb and present a hazard to people getting in and out of cars.
25. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a DO NOT ENTER sign on Richdale Ave. at the corner of Sycamore St. due to the high rate of illegal right hand turns being made, and that the Chief of Police patrol the area at various times.
26. Order That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol of the area of Richdale and Essex Sts. as there is a group of young people causing disturbances during the late evening hours.
27. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost**  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board regarding the plans and schedule for implementing the Traffic Commission's regulations on non-motorized transportation, which prohibit bicycles on sidewalks in central business districts.
28. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking make recommendations to this Board regarding what policies, including increases in fines, could motivate drivers to move their vehicles on posted street cleaning days

29. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board, and to the public, what programs it has, if any, for working with residents to locate, design and construct traffic calming devices for their streets.
30. Resolution **Submitted By Ald. Provost and the Entire Board**  
That this Board of Aldermen hereby requests that the Metropolitan District Commission take action to ensure that all Somerville bus stops on MDC property, particularly in the vicinity of Union Square, be made wheelchair accessible.
31. Order **Submitted By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan**  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking report on the progress of installing the new traffic signal on Highland Ave. at Conwell St. so that the pedestrian crosswalk can be painted.
32. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond**  
That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing and faded NO PARKING signs along the Washington St. bridge near the Lincoln Park School.
33. Order That the Superintendent of Highways clean the catch basins on both sides of Laurel St.
34. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the litter and trash on Washington St., along both sides of the bridge, on the sidewalk and on the abutment along the street.
35. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and McCallum**  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate the property located on Medford St. at the intersection of Sycamore St. for hazardous conditions such as exposed broken glass, and ensure the protection of the area school children from injuries.
36. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Connolly**  
That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the area around the manhole located on Kidder Ave. at the intersection of Lowden Ave.
37. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines notify NStar to repair the inoperable street light on Summer St. at the intersection of Cherry St.
38. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan**  
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to repair the area around the gas gate located at the east corner of Albion and Lowell Sts., as this area was previously patched and is now depressed, causing a tripping hazard.

39. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign and pole for Sartwell Ave. at the corner of Cedar St.
40. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the bent pole with the SLOW - CHILDREN sign on Cedar St.
41. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pothole in front of 37 Linden Ave.
42. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond and Taylor**  
That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the pothole in the street between 144 & 146 Summer St.
43. Order That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines replace the external light located on the Honor Roll at the front of the City Hall Concourse.
44. Order That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor the area of School St. and Highland Ave. for commercial trucks parked illegally and overnight on weekdays & weekends.
45. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street in the area of the gate box located on Walnut St. near Boston St.
46. Order That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the damaged sign pole in front of 145 Summer St.
47. Order That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the damaged sidewalk panels in front of 62 and 80 Summer St.
48. Order **Submitted By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and Curtatone**  
That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to replace the missing cover plate on the pole located on Prospect Hill Ave. adjacent to the Corbett Playground
49. Order **Submitted By Ald. Connolly**  
That the Superintendent of Highways remove the debris from the city tree branches at the corner of Winslow and College Aves.
50. Order That the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds appear at the next regular meeting of this Board to discuss the condition of the West Branch Library.

51. Order That the Director of Communications investigate the current availability of DSL here in the City from any and all vendors, and report to this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works on the current availability of DSL throughout the City, and on any and all recommendations to provide equal access to all citizens.
52. Order **Submitted By Ald. Halloran**  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services investigate the property at 1298 Broadway for all violations.
53. Order **Submitted By Ald. Curtatone**  
That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Section 8-3 of the Code of Ordinances to include the ability of the City to deny the issuance of any variance or zoning relief until all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and all other municipal charges owed to the City have been paid in full.
54. Comm. **Submitted by Pres. White**  
Regarding the Memorial Day Parade.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR**

55. Requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$7,518.85 from the Law Dept. Personal Service Salaries Account to its Ordinary Maintenance Professional and Technical Services Account.
56. Requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the Youth Dept. Personal Services Account to its Ordinary Maintenance Account.
57. Requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to fund the emergency replacement of the boiler at the West Somerville Library.
58. Providing an update on the construction of the new Dilboy Stadium.
59. Providing the City's budget calendar for FY03.
60. Requesting confirmation to appoint Frank Lee Jr., 8 Waterwheel Lane, Saugus, to the position of Captain in the Fire Dept.

61. Requesting confirmation to appoint James P. Keenan, 29 Seward Rd., Stoneham, to the position of Lieutenant in the Fire Dept.
62. Requesting confirmation to appoint Joseph Medeiros, 163 Summer St., to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
63. Requesting confirmation to appoint Rachel Tennenhaus, 88 Highland Ave., to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
64. Requesting confirmation to appoint Craig Fletcher, 203 Shore Dr., Winthrop, to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
65. Requesting confirmation to appoint Elaine Mathews, 51 Dane St., to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
66. Requesting confirmation to appoint John Ciampa, 35 Myrtle St., to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
67. Requesting confirmation to appoint Tom Peters, 75 Myrtle St., to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
68. Requesting confirmation to appoint Joseph Keane, 8 Campbell Park, to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
69. Requesting confirmation to appoint Herby Duverne, 1374 Broadway, to the Human Rights Commission.
70. Requesting confirmation to appoint Shenandoah Titus, 1892 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, to the Human Rights Commission.
71. Requesting confirmation to appoint Laurinda Bedingfield, 61 Putnam St., to the Election Commission.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

72. Report of the Joint Committee on Information Technology and Finance, April 1.
73. Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, April 4.
74. Report of the Committee on Finance of the Whole, April 8.
75. Report of the Committee on Finance, April 9.
76. Report of the Committee on Housing, April 9.
77. Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, April 10.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

78. City Solicitor re: 81 Highland Ave. lease terms.
79. City Solicitor re: taking 9-11 Aldersey St. by eminent domain.
80. City Solicitor re: the self service gasoline systems ordinance.
81. City Solicitor responding to #170731 re: an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of pigeons and establishing a \$25 fine.
82. Public Works Commissioner re: Status of the Lowell St. Bridge reconstruction project.
83. Public Works Commissioner re: graffiti ordinance amendments.
84. Chief Assessor responding to #171044 re: a PILOT formula for nonprofits.
85. Chief Financial Officer responding to #170207 re: an increase in the living wage.

**NEW BUSINESS**

86. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
Somerville Charter School Athletics Program, canning, May 18, 7:00AM-3:00PM, starting at Union Sq.
87. Public Occ. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mystic Herring Run/Road Race, May 11, starting at 10:00AM, Shore Drive Boating Area.
88. Public Occ. Somerville Pride Girls Basketball, canning throughout the City, April 20 and May 11, at 8:30AM-2:30PM, raindates June 1 and June 15.
89. Public Occ. Powderhouse Pub Road Race, June 23, 12:00-3:00PM, starting on Broadway.
90. Public Occ. Redbones' Bike to Work Week Block Party, May 13, 4:00-10:00PM, Chester St. between Elm and Herbert Sts.
91. Public Occ. Hope Worldwide New England Annual Fundraiser, April 12, 13 & 19, canning at Broadway, McGrath Hwy, and Union Sq.
92. Used Car Lic **New Used Car Dealers License Class 2**  
Patra LLC, 73 Summer St.

93. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class 2**  
Benny's Auto Sales, 508 Somerville Ave.
94. Outdoor **Renewal of Outdoor Parking License**  
Parking D.M. Auto Body, 48 Joy St for not more than 44 vehicles.
95. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage Licenses**  
A-1 Auto Clinic, 308 McGrath Hwy., 12 automobiles.
96. Garage Lic. Hawkins St. Automotive Co., Inc., 9 Hawkins St., 6 automobiles.
97. Garage Lic. Inman Capital Cars d/b/a Inman Motor Sales, 121-123 Prospect St., 20 automobiles.
98. Garage Lic. Pena Automotive, Inc., 45 Webster Ave., 20 automobiles.
99. Garage Lic. Angelo Roberto, 80 Lowell St., 7 automobiles.
100. Garage Lic. Sal's Truck Tire Service, Inc., 4 Union Sq., 11 automobiles.
101. Garage Lic. Domenic Fabrizio, 290 Rear Somerville Ave., 4 automobiles.
102. Garage Lic. Roma Baking Co. Inc., 11 Rossmore St., 10 automobiles.
103. Garage Lic. Reilly's Garage, 63 Washington St., 8 automobiles.
104. Garage Lic. Joy St. Auto Sales & Ser. Inc., 12-16 Joy St., 6 automobiles.
105. Garage Lic. Daniele Veneziano, 89 Lowell St., 4 automobiles.
106. Garage Lic. Jack E Williamson, 45 Adrian St., 6 automobiles.
107. Garage Lic. Allen Realty Trust, 112-114 Albion St., 20 automobiles.
108. Garage Lic. D.M. Auto Body, Inc., 48 Joy St., 15 automobiles.
109. Garage Lic. Tracer Technologies, Inc., 15 North Union St., 40 automobiles.
110. Garage Lic. J.R. Fennell Limited Partnership, 92-94 Prospect St., 90 automobiles.
111. Garage Lic. Performance Engineering of Boston, 294 Beacon St., 10 automobiles.
112. Garage Lic. D.M. Auto Body Inc., 40 Joy St., 52 automobiles.

113. Garage Lic. Ideal Engine Rebuilders, Inc., 104 Dover St., 40 automobiles.
114. Garage Lic. Herbert Chambers I 93, Inc. d/b/a Chambers, 259 McGrath Hwy., 350 automobiles.
115. Garage Lic. Advanced Auto Body PCR, Inc., 16 Clarendon Ave., 30 automobiles.
116. Garage Lic. Anthony V. Smith Jr., 66 Craigie St., 6 automobiles.
117. Garage Lic. A Plus Auto Body, Inc., 297 Medford St., 10 automobiles
118. Garage Lic. A Plus Auto Body, Inc., 93 Walnut St., 14 automobiles.
119. Comm. **Communication**  
State Senator Shannon re: Dilboy Stadium.
120. Bond **Drain-Layer's Bond**  
J. Derenzo Company.
121. Bond John Borges Sewer and Drain.
122. Claim Notice **Notice of Claim**  
Lillian Norton-Hunt.
123. Claim Notice Bhupal Singh.
124. Claim Notice Sara Fass.

**ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**